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### IN ALMOSTWINTER

A frosty night in Almostwinter  
Men shivered in their beds  
Dark is the darkest before the dawn  
Ang Shus said to his wife named Feer

One nearly ventured from under his quilts  
But the room was too dark for him to see  
The floor so cold he dared not walk  
So he crawled back in and covered his head

Eagerhope woke and called to his kin  
They like the rest chose the comfort of sleep  
Undaunted he rose to look out through windows  
And he alone saw the advent of the sun

--Don Burt